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## Reminders

### MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

October 21-22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark  
To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2021>.

### 2021 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2021 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

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## HHS Announces \$25.5 Billion in COVID-19 Provider Funding

Relief Funding Phase 4 payments will be based on lost revenues and expenditures between July 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021. To support providers with the most need, smaller-sized practices that tend to operate on thin margins and often serve vulnerable or isolated communities will be reimbursed for lost revenues and COVID-19 expenses at a higher rate compared to larger providers. Phase 4 will also include bonus payments for those serving Medicaid, CHIP and/or Medicare patients. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/bf9dtsc>.

## Vaccination Requirements For Health Care Settings

The Biden-Harris Administration announced a 6-pronged national COVID-19 strategy (<https://tinyurl.com/x3az4hs>) that includes the requirement of COVID-19 vaccination of staff within all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facilities to protect both them and patients from the virus and its more contagious Delta variant. The President also announced a mandate ordering all businesses with more than 100 employees to require their workers to be immunized or face weekly testing. In addition, President Biden signed an executive order compelling all federal employees to get vaccinated without an option for regular testing. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announced also that emergency regulations requiring vaccinations for nursing home workers will be expanded to include hospitals, dialysis facilities, ambulatory surgical settings, and home health agencies as a condition for participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. CMS is developing an Interim Final Rule with Comment Period that will be issued in October. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ytp5e4dx>.

## DelVAX Portal Provides Access To Vaccination Information

DelVAX is a confidential online computer system used statewide to track immunizations. The DelVAX portal (<https://tinyurl.com/km72vs6p>) can be a convenient place for those who need to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination but have lost or misplaced their vaccination card. The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) does not replace a missing or misplaced vaccination card. According to DPH, any Delawareans who experience challenges accessing their immunization records through the DelVAX portal should complete a public portal data form. Delawareans can contact the program at (800) 282-8672 or [delvax@delaware.gov](mailto:delvax@delaware.gov) for assistance.

## Consideration of COVID-19 Booster Doses

In a review published in *The Lancet*, experts, including some at the Food and Drug Administration and the World Health Organization, indicate any advantage of booster doses would not outweigh protecting those who remain unvaccinated worldwide. The authors indicated additional doses may be useful in some with weak immune systems and argue that the general population does not yet need them. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/37c68yze>.

## MSD Hot Topic CME Event - Performance in Late Career Physicians

The Medical Society of Delaware presents the next Hot Topic CME on Thursday, September 23, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This virtual presentation is intended for physicians and will discuss physician aging and competency, as well as review of history, rationale, and implementation of age-based physician assessment programs. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HotTopicLateCareerPhysicians>.

## Practice Management and Education Session - HIPAA Rules: Are You Compliant?

Please join us for the next Practice Management and Education Session, presented by Dwayne Downs, MSD's Training & Compliance Coordinator. This session will provide an overview of HIPAA policy and procedures, how to implement a HIPAA plan and much more. The virtual event will be held on **Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**. To register please visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HIPAA>.

## Resident Physician Schedules, Health, and Well-Being Study

The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health is sponsoring a nationwide survey of first-year resident physician work hours, health, safety, and well-being. Your participation would contribute to the national dataset that will be used to differentiate secular trends and other potentially confounding factors from the effect of work hour policies on resident physicians. Short monthly surveys are emailed on the 28th of each month from July 2021 to May 2022. Participants receive \$25 after completing five surveys and each monthly survey completed equals a chance in winning randomly drawn cash and prizes totaling more than \$15,000. For more information visit <https://sleepscreen.partners.org>.